

THE PUBLIC FORUM

GROCERY CLERKS.—On reading your valuable newspaper, The Day Book, this evening I noticed a news item written about the employees in the grocery dept. of the Boston Store, which stated that they were receiving but \$12 and less a week, and because of this low wage and these intolerable conditions they protested and refused to work. I agree with these men for their action, as I have been an employee of the Boston Store myself and know what it is; and for that reason the grocery clerks of Chicago some time ago saw fit to form a union, which has progressed very rapidly, and I hope that these men will see fit to join our organization and better their condition.

I also would like to say to them that if they will join the grocery clerks' union that I will furnish them with jobs that will pay them not less than \$15 a week.—D. J. Ryan, 6216 Eberhart Av.

A SAFE BANK.—After the failure of so many so-called sound banking institutions people with a few spare dollars looking for a place of safe-keeping should consider what the U. S. Postal Savings bank has to offer them in the way of safety, compensation and convenience for them and their savings.

For the enlightenment of those who are not familiar with Uncle Sam's bank, I will briefly state a few of its excellent qualifications. If you are over 10 you can open an account of \$1 or more. Your local branch postoffice is your bank, hours 8 to 5:30 excepting Sundays and holidays. You can transfer your account to any part of the U. S. without trouble. You can withdraw your entire account upon demand without the previous notification demanded by most banks. The account of a married woman will be free from any interference by her husband. The rate

of interest paid is 2 per cent a year, which seems generous when the extent of safety and security is considered.

In all, it is the common people's bank and too much cannot be said for it, so let us express our confidence and appreciation of an institution gotten up to serve us. Let us keep our savings out of the hands of scheming financiers by placing them in the postal savings bank.—Jas. O. Boy.

A REPLY TO MR. JACK DOYLE.

—Mr. Doyle should know that Guardians carefully distinguish between Catholics as citizens and Catholics as protagonists of a theocratic system of authority. There is probably not a Guardian who does not have Catholic neighbors whom he or she respects as good neighbors and honest, sincere people. Every sincere, honest Catholic is in conscience bound to labor for the conversion of the world to Rome. Because if the church is the only true church of God, every one should in duty belong to it. That is very simple, very logical, very true. On the other hand, every one who does not believe that the church is a true church is in conscience bound to oppose every proselyting effort of the Catholics. Truth as the ideal is what we are all bound to pursue.

Now we must judge truth by the history of humanity, changing our formulas as knowledge evolves. Cardinal Newman said that a Catholic historian did not dare to tell the truth (Dublin Review, January, 1907). The majority of the world believes it. A very scant eighth of the world is Catholic. The seven-eighths outside the church is put in a precarious condition. They cannot see how they are shut out. It would look as though God were playing favorites. Though they may be saved if they are in good faith—a dogmatic position which the church rejected under anathema for 1,600 years, nay